


## Practice

## 1 Match the beginning of each sentence with the correct ending, A or B.

- 0 There was a little rice left, so ...  
A we couldn't have any with our curry. **B** we had a spoonful each with our curry.
- 1 There was a lot of rice left, so ...  
A we made a really big salad with it. B we had to have potatoes with our curry.
- 2 There was very little rice left, so ...  
A we all had a lot with our curry. B we had to have potatoes instead.
- 3 There were a few potatoes left, so ...  
A we had one each with our meal. B we had to have rice with our meal.
- 4 There were very few potatoes left, so ...  
A we had to have rice with our meal. B we had two or three each with our meal.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the article and choose the correct words in *italics*.

 2.23 Listen and check.


## Crisis in science education

Companies are complaining there aren't (0) enough / *much* students taking science subjects now, especially physics. The problem, it seems, is that (1) *few* / *many* students see science subjects as too difficult, when there are (2) *a lot* / *a lot of* easier options, such as media studies. Professor Jennifer Cousins of Exmouth University comments: "This is becoming a serious problem. (3) *Very few* / *A few* students are choosing to study science subjects these days, which means that there (4) *are enough* / *aren't enough* graduates applying for jobs in the industrial sector. The way I see it, there are (5) *too many* / *too much* new courses at university level, and there's so (6) *much* / *many*

competition between graduates that most students 'play safe' and take courses they feel more confident in. At present they have (7) *a little* / *little* incentive to choose scientific subjects because science is seen as both difficult and boring. We must introduce (8) *a little* / *a few* more excitement into science in schools."



## 3 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation with the words and phrases from the box.

 2.24 Listen and check.

a little a lot not much ~~many~~ much many not many

- JEZ Let's get something to eat. Are there (0) *many*..... restaurants here?
- ALI Yes, there are quite (1) ....., but there's (2) ..... variety. What kinds of food do you like?
- JEZ Well, I eat too (3) ..... junk food so I'd prefer something different. Are there any British restaurants here?
- ALI Yes, but (4) ..... There are only two, I think, and they're expensive. Do you eat much Indian food?
- JEZ Well, I have tried (5) ..... Indian food before, but I'm not very keen on it – sorry, Ali. I know you love it. What about Chinese?
- ALI Oh, there are so (6) ..... Chinese restaurants here that everyone gets bored with Chinese food! I know – we both like Italian. Let's go to Giovanni's.